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Docket No. UDL 2 0002-1
Anticipated Classification
of this application:
Class _____ Subclass _____
Prior application:
Examiner: Juska, C.
Art Unit: 1771

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b), of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/029,402 filed February 26, 1999 of HEDLEY entitled: MAT MANUFACTURE (there has been no amendment to the inventors), which claims priority from PCT international application no. PCT/GB96/02105 filed August 27, 1996, which claims priority from British Application No. GB 9517921.4 filed September 1, 1995.

1. xxx Enclosed is a complete copy of the prior application including the oath or declaration as originally filed and an affidavit or declaration verifying it as a true copy.

10 pages of Specification
4 pages of Claims
~~1 page of Abstract~~
1 sheet of Drawings (Figs. 1-5)

2. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 2.9 and 1.27 is enclosed was filed in the prior application and such status is still proper and desired (37 C.F.R. 1.28(a)).

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3. xxx

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Basic Fee	Large Entity	\$710	\$710 (Lg. Ent.)
Total claims	78 - 20 = 58	x \$18	\$1044
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT (See Attached)

6.

~~Cancel in this application original claims~~
~~before calculating the fee.~~

7.

~~Amend the specification by inserting before~~
~~the first line, the sentence:~~

~~— This application is a continuation of~~
~~U.S. Application Serial No. _____,~~
~~filed on _____, now U.S. Patent~~
~~No. _____, which is a~~
~~continuation in part of U.S. Design~~
~~Application Ser. No. _____ filed~~
~~_____.~~

8.

~~Please abandon said prior application as of~~
~~the filing date accorded this application. A~~
~~duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed for~~
~~filing in the prior application file. (May~~
~~only be used if signed by person authorized by~~
~~\$1.138 and before payment of base issue fee.)~~

9.

Formal drawings are enclosed.

10.

Priority of Application Serial
No. _____ filed on _____ in _____ is
claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

 The certified copy of Application Serial No.
_____ has been filed in prior U.S. Application
Serial No. _____, filed _____.

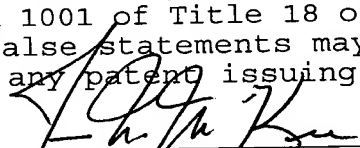
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11. XXX The prior application is assigned of record to WALK OFF MATS LIMITED. The assignment was recorded at Reel/Frame 9789/0212 on March 3, 1999.
12. a. xxx The power of attorney appears in the original papers in the prior application.
- b. Since the power does not appear in the original papers, a copy of the power in the prior application is enclosed.
- c. xxx Address all future communications to:
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13. xxx Preliminary Amendment A is enclosed.
14. xxx I hereby verify that the attached papers are a true copy of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 09/029,402, as originally filed on February 26, 1999.
15. xxx A copy of form PTO-1449 listing all references of record in the parent application and references from any related applications is enclosed. Copies of the references are not included herewith but will be supplied on request in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d).

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his or her own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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